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In response to the Examiner's requested species election, Applicants hereby elect the α -galactosyl epitope as the species of selective moiety for further prosecution. Claims 14-17 and 19-20 are readable on the elected species.

It is believed that the above fully complies with the requirements set forth in the Communication mailed on May 21, 2002. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (415) 781-1989 if any issues may be resolved in that manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix – Pending claims

14. A non-cytotoxic conjugate for administration to a mammalian host, said conjugate comprising folate joined to a selective moiety,
wherein said selective moiety comprises an antigen to which the host has been previously sensitized or to which the host has natural immunity.
15. The conjugate of Claim 14, wherein said selective moiety is selected from the group consisting of a blood group antigen, a xenoantigen, and at least a portion of a vaccine antigen.
16. The conjugate of Claim 14, wherein said selective moiety binds to anti- α -gal antibodies.
17. The conjugate of Claim 16, wherein said selective moiety is the α -galactosyl epitope.
18. The conjugate of Claim 14, wherein said selective moiety comprises an antigen selected from the group consisting of an oligosaccharide A antigen, an oligosaccharide B antigen, a vaccine antigen, an anti-idiotypic antibody, and a variable region of an anti-idiotypic antibody.
19. A non-cytotoxic conjugate comprising folate joined to a selective moiety,
wherein said selective moiety comprises an epitope selected from the group consisting of α -galactosyl, a blood group antigen, a xenoantigen, HIV, a vaccine antigen, a superantigen, a minor histocompatibility antigen, an anti-idiotypic antibody, and a variable region of an anti-idiotypic antibody.
20. A conjugate comprising folate covalently joined to α -galactosyl.